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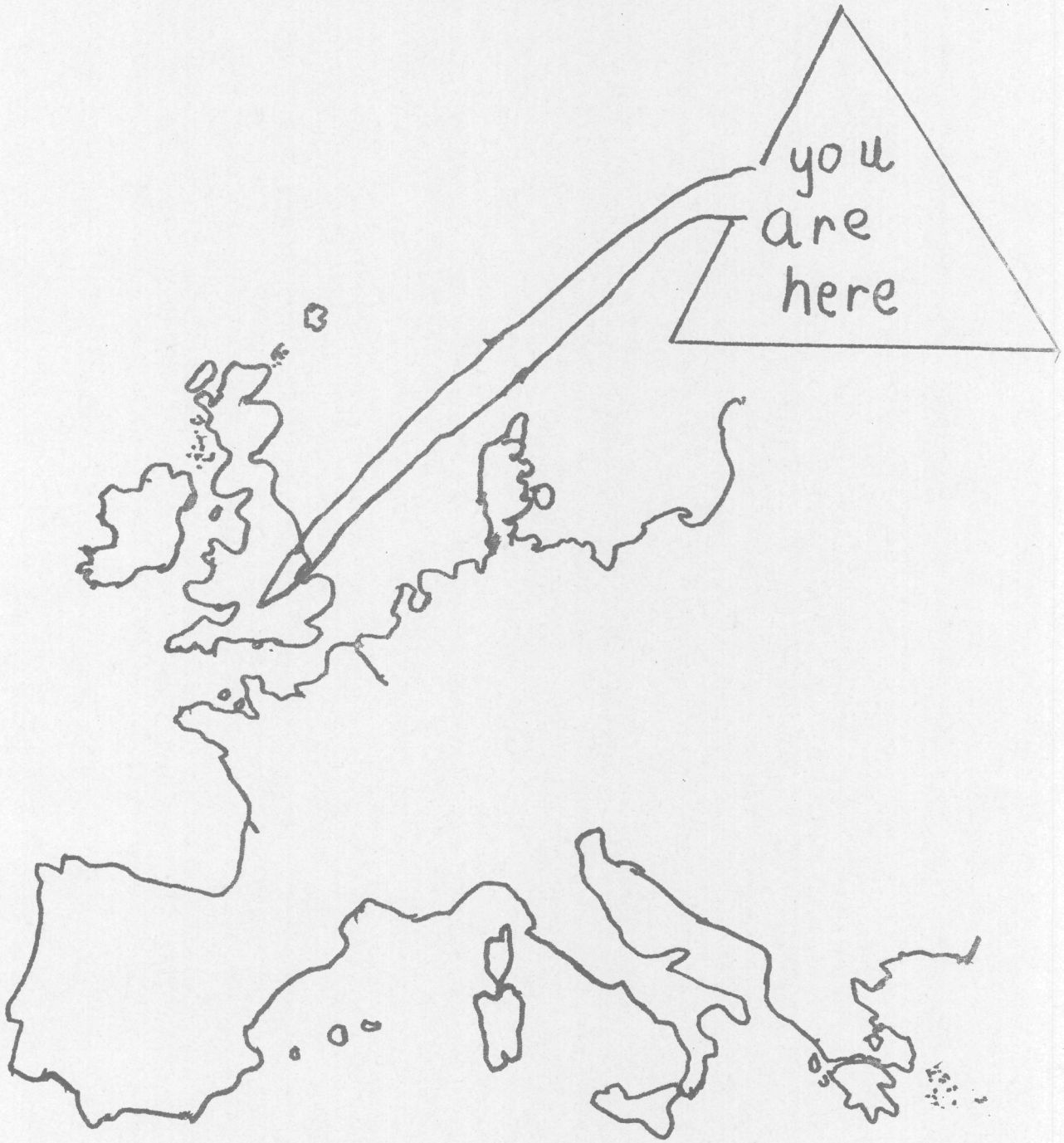

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In case you are a bit confused by all the elections this year, seven year old Matthew Robinson has put Deddington on the European map with this month's cover drawing. 1979 is the International Year of the Child. From the spate of elections, both at home and abroad, one might also believe it to be the Year of the Poll. Yet in many towns and villages throughout the land there are empty seats in the Council Chambers because on 24th May there were not enough candidates even to fill the vacancies, let alone compete for places.

With 47% of the electorate voting and with 22 contestants for the 14 places, the situation in Deddington can therefore be said to be highly satisfactory and our thanks must go to those 22 men and women who publicly aired their views and showed themselves willing to give freely of their time and talents to consider, debate and take decisions on the issues which affect us all.

Under the Local Government Acts of 1972 and 1974 the new Councils will hold office for the next four years; by law they must meet annually (in May) and on at least three other occasions during the year - and it might interest readers that, under the Act "....meetings may not take place in licensed premises unless no other suitable room is available free of charge or at reasonable cost ..." and that "a room in a dwelling-house cannot be required for the purpose...."

A Local Council reflects the views of a cross-section of the community; people born and bred in the district and those who have chosen to move in, thinkers and doers of differing shades of political and religious belief, the loners and the gregarious, of varying education, training and earning-capacity, and with differing recreational pursuits.

The production and editorial team of the Deddington News is likewise composed of an amalgam of people of widely differing experience, aptitudes, interests and skills; its reporters and distributors are the people who participate in the group activities that go to make up the rich fabric of village life and its feature-writers and correspondents are individuals with expertise in a particular field or with opinions they wish to voice. It is timely, as a new editor joins the team, to reaffirm the responsibility and commitment of the Newsletter to provide an impartial yet stimulating medium of communication within the Parish and at the same time to thank the previous incumbent for her untiring efforts in this direction.

The July issue will be the last before the summer recess; we rely so heavily on the School fraternity to produce and distribute the News that it is virtually impossible to publish in August. So let us have your letters and articles for the July issue by Friday 6 JULY for publication on Saturday 14 July.

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CORRESPONDENCE

It may be of interest for local electors to know that, according to Conservative Branch telling records, at least 501 votes were recorded in the Deddington Polling District for the European Assembly Elections held on Thursday 7 June.

The full number of votes cast must have been in the region of 510, out of an electoral total of 1155. This is a turnout of 44%, which is not only well above the national average but also considerably in excess of the 'best' constituency figures, apart from Northern Ireland.

Philip Allan

BABY-SITTING GROUP

Is anyone interested in joining our group for baby-sitting? Our numbers are rather depleted because children have a habit of growing up and no longer need a sitter, and several families have moved away. If you want more information, without committing yourself, ring either Jenny Soddy (38298) or myself (38609) and have a chat.

Jill Cheeseman

Election Results

	B. Bond	159	+	R. Gardner	212	+	R. Stevens	346
+	J. Cheeseman	278	+	K. Garrett	462		J. Stooke-Vaughan	88
	A. Clark	136	+	R. Garvey	221	+	D. Ward	276
	C. Collin	130	+	R. Hayward	198		J. Webb	88
	R. Croft	131	+	A. MacKenzie	196		J. Webber	170
+	N. Drake	174	+	M. O'Neill	236	+	D. Welford	274
	W. Drake	88	+	M. Robinson	226			
+	B. Fuller	258	+	M Spencer	184			

+ Elected to serve on the Parish Council

First Meeting of the New Parish Council

Following the elections of 24th May 1979 for a new Parish Council, the new Council members met on 30th May. Mr. D. Welford was re-elected Chairman and Mr. K. Garrett Vice Chairman. Members of the Council were then elected to the various sub-committees: planning, lighting, Castle Grounds and Community Hall. The financial and footpath sub-committees were disbanded.

Following the correspondence with Cluttons, solicitors to the Church Commissioners, concerning the right of way to the Castle Grounds, Cluttons have now admitted that there is a right of way and the correspondence is now closed.

The application from the Women's Institute for a stall in the Market Place for June 30th was approved.

After examination of the planning applications, Mr. Welford went on to describe the present situation on the Community Hall and the Windmill site. He said that this was not encouraging. The District Valuer who had promised valuations for this meeting had not been able to provide them as he had not received instructions from the Estates Committee. It seemed likely that the County Estates Committee would want to realise more money from the site than the Parish could find. Mr. Welford suggested that the Community Hall sub-committee should put in an Outline Planning Application for community use of a part of the site to reinforce to Cherwell District Council the parish's interest in the site.

Brian Bond

CAR SHARING AND SOCIAL CAR SCHEMES

The Clerk to the Parish Council has brought to our attention an 18 point memorandum on car sharing and social car schemes, (circulated by the Oxfordshire County Council). This 4½ page document is too lengthy to be printed in full here but it relates to Section 7 of the Transport Act 1978 under which previous restrictions on the regular carrying of passengers in cars at separate fares have been relaxed.

Any organisation or individual who would like to organise a social car scheme is advised:

(a) to discuss the matter with Mr. P. Ennor of the County Planning Department, Macclesfield House, Oxford, (telephone Oxford 815859), both generally and in particular the question of obtaining the consent of the Traffic Commissioners and the County Council to the advertising of the proposed service;

(b) to obtain a copy of the Department of Transport publication "A Guide to Community Transport". This may be purchased from Her Majesty's Stationery Office, 49 High Holborn, London, WC1V 6HB, or from Blackwells, Broad Street, Oxford. Price £1.95.

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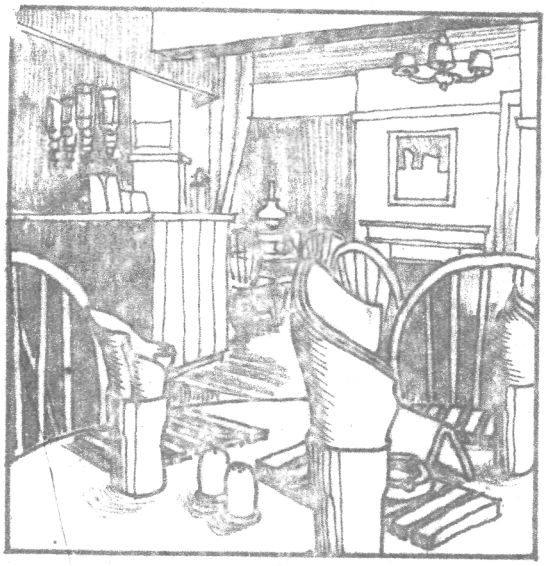

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Following the report in the May issue regarding our participation in the National Scripture Education Council's 1979 Examination, we are now proud to announce that at the Prize Giving Service held at the Banbury United Reform Church on Saturday 26th May we were presented with the Banbury and District Shield which we now hold for one year. The result of the examination is as follows:

Junior A Division:

Stephen Plumbe	65
Jason Powell	74
Jeremy Gregory	79
Philip Greenwood	90
Emma Withey	93

Junior B Division

Carol Robertson	62
Peter Lewis	63
Andrew Sampson	75
Karen Evans	89
Joanna Drake	90
Claire Cheeseman	91
Lisa Brain	91
Sarah Floyd	92
Matthew Wall	96
James Greenwood	97

Senior A Division

Sian Humphreys	62
Deborah Sampson	69
Sarah Evans	70
Clare Floyd	71
Ruth Broadbent	74
Karen Brain	79
Lisa Gregory	81
Susan Fuller	87
Ruth Drake	88
Karen Smith	92

Senior B Division

Jackie Brain	76
Susan Fisher	77
Helen Drake	81
Judith Humphreys	86

The Shield is on display in our local butcher's window, by kind permission of Mr. Michael Powell.

Eddie Lines

THE MAYPOLE DANCERS

Living in a village
It is nice to get together,
So when the children were dancing
We gathered, despite the weather.

The notices were on display
To tell parents where to go,
So we all went to the Bull Ring
To stand and watch the show.

The children in their finery
All gathered to perform
And the parents huddled round -
All trying to keep warm.

The music was set ready,
The Maypole looked so smart
But as they were about to dance
The bells began to start!

The chimes they kept on ringing -
They made a lovely sound -
But they couldn't start their dancing
For the music - it was drowned.

The teachers went to see them,
To ask if they would rest
But they just kept on ringing
So moving the dancing was best.

They took the children to the playground
The teachers fetched a key;
They unlocked the gates to let us in,
So the dancing we could see.

They re-plugged the music,
The Maypole was held steady,
And so, despite the chiming bells,
The dancers were now ready.

It really was a pity -
Their efforts so nearly marred -
The dancing was delightful
And everyone worked so hard.

Where's the community spirit?
Why can't people co-operate?
For the sake of the CHURCH school children,
Why couldn't the bell-ringers wait???????

Pauline Lightbody

Would any rhyming campanologist care to reply? - Ed.

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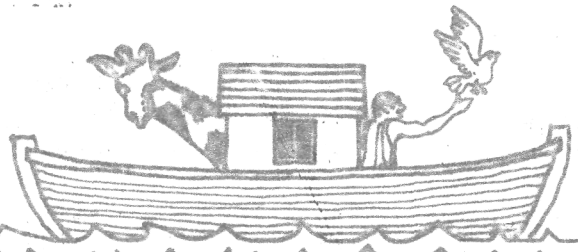

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(Lines from the "pawnbroker's" hymn.)

Do you live "from hand to mouth"? Does anyone? Hardly anyone in this country. We depend on our weekly earnings or pensions (which are earned). But this is not living from to hand to mouth. The only people who do this are day workers who never know if there will be a job to go to tomorrow. Fruit workers in California are a notorious example.

We say it plainly - no one lives from hand to mouth if he can help it. But when it comes to the Church, we think it can very easily live from hand to mouth. It somehow does not need a regular income from which to meet its regular bills. If we can have a jumble sale, a bazaar, a summer fete, if we ask people to be generous when the plate comes round, this is enough. It is not enough. Should we not insure the church building here? Should we not pay Church employees of all sorts a regular wage? If, like all citizens and businesses, we have large outgoings all through the year, then we need large incomings to match them.

Perhaps you think a Vicar should not write about money. Or even think about it. He has a good example to follow. Christ stood once by the collection boxes in the Temple at Jerusalem, watching people putting in their coins. One old widow put in two tiny coins, two "mites". "She out of her poverty has put in everything she had, her whole living."

It is important for us, and not only for the Church, that we give generously and regularly. Good living means good giving. Incidentally, the better we become at giving, the better we shall enjoy life. There really is something in the so-called "pawnbroker's hymn". But this is extra. We do not give in order to get back. We give because we are good at giving, and with practice we become better. This year let us set our sights as high as possible.

At our annual Stewardship Campaign Supper we encourage one another in this as in our Church membership generally. Please join us there. We meet and eat (and drink) at the School on Saturday 23rd June at 7.30 p.m.

Richard Hannah

HOLLY TREE CLUB

On Wednesday June 6th, the Senior Citizens of Holly Tree Club, had their first coach outing of the summer.

We went to the old cathedral town of Gloucester, through villages built of Cotswold stone. The weather was good compared to some days we have known, and we did not need raincoats. We stopped halfway, to stretch our legs and partake of some refreshment. It was Derby day, and we heard the race over the radio. It was so exciting, we felt we were on the race-course. I wanted the Queen's horse to win, but it was unplaced. Much to their joy, someone on the coach had backed the winner, to the sound of applause from the back seats. After a good meal and cup of tea, we made our way back to the cathedral.

What a beautiful example of Gothic architecture it is, towering over the town, in majestic splendour. We returned home in brilliant sunshine, happy with our visit to the Cotswolds.

Florence Anderson, Mackley Close

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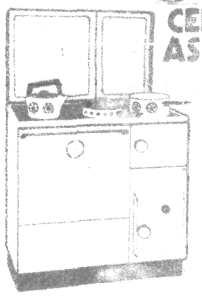

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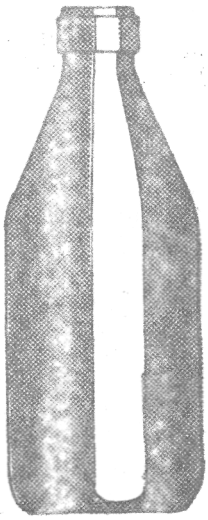

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At Home.....

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All we ask is that you would be kind enough to give Radio Horton a mention in your Newsletter and draw the attention of the people of Deddington to our existence.

We would also be pleased to hear from anyone who would like to join our organisation and assist us with fund-raising, publicity work and, perhaps most important of all, chatting to the patients in the wards and publicising by word of mouth and/or leaflets that the Horton General Hospital has its own internal radio station.

Carole J. Hibbs, Radio Horton, Horton General Hospital

...And Abroad

The Observer Colour Magazine of 22 April printed an article about the rapid destruction of the Tropical Rain Forests of Brazil. Although this was not news to me it brought the whole terrible and unnecessary business to a head, as far as I was concerned.

The tragedy of the situation is that all the conservation and environmental groups in Brazil are fully aware of the fact that the loss of the Rain Forests will create far more, very serious, problems than its short-sighted immediate benefits, namely providing land for beef.

The loss (modern machinery can clear more than 1,000 tons of animals and trees in 2 hours) of these vital oxygen-giving trees will not only affect Brazil in the long and short term, but the atmosphere and climates of the whole world. The soil under the forest is so poor that they can only use it for farm production by using chemical fertilizers. Within a few years these lands will become dust bowls, useless to man and beast (as is already happening) where before there stood a forest filled with wildlife. They have already provided us with coffee, chocolate, citrus fruits, Brazil nuts, avocado, drugs, natural rubber and timber, etc. We are destroying thousands of species of plants before we fully understand their potential as drugs, food and timber.

It is the desperate need to help the poverty-stricken thousands that has driven the Brazilians to destroy their forests. Surely it is not just a Brazilian problem - but a world one, ours too. Something must be done NOW to 'Save the Forest and Save a World' before it is too late.

It is estimated that by the year 2000 there will be no forests left in Brazil and, sadly I fear, very few left in the rest of the world. Please help, perhaps by lobbying your M.P. to debate the whole business in the House, or by becoming members of the World Wildlife Fund, who are raising money for tropical rain forest projects in many countries. (They are at 29 Greville Street, London, EC1N 8AX).

Yours sadly (but with a glimmer of hope!)
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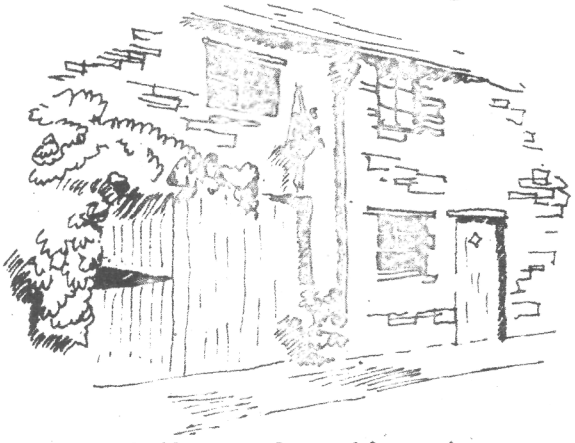

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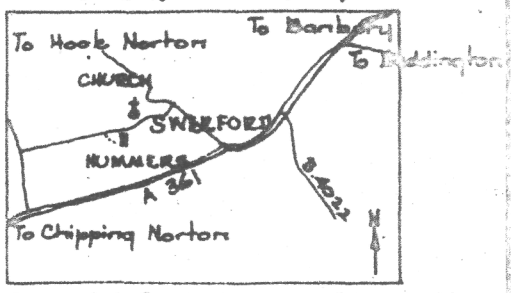

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ONE RESIDENT'S VISION FOR THE FUTURE

Deddington is a growing and changing village that could become a town in the years ahead. That means more houses and children that - like the Scouts and Guides now - grow and need a place to expand and explore, enjoy evenings away from T.V. and provide an outlet for something they are capable of doing themselves. Older people like to go out for an evening. At the moment, pubs serve this area and not much else. Birds of a feather flock together so, as a need arises, one club or another forms itself. So do I think of our school - very promising - and which (like the Health Centre)serves us well.

Young people like a hall for Disco, films, concerts and plays that can't be provided in a small space, so that's needed. The Library is much appreciated and that needs to grow, with a reference section, mainly to help young adults, and a reading room open for a long time. Most of us that will be involved in a project will find a new complex a pleasant prospect - but not before about 3-4 years of collecting cash and ideas and building.

I had these thoughts in mind while I looked at the old Windmill School. I was horrified to see the lovely wood-block floor rising with damp in protest of neglect. I doubt that it would need £5,000 to put it in working order as a room; those wishing to use it could paint and decorate, add a false ceiling and new or sanded-down floor; gas heating and lots of elbow-grease from the local clubs and a room could be used and the rest as storage or workshops. Then start the main building to include all as desired so that people have a foot-hold now and something for later on.

But I am more in favour of a site behind Benfields, the Fire Station and not too far off from the School. I have a picture of the complex being used sometimes by the school, like the hall, for gym, plays, etc., the bigger open-air swimming pool, the improved library and sports-ground, and an opening into Earls Lane almost opposite to the lane up from the Market Square to the Health Centre. But far away enough to please Disco fans and for use by clubs, in rooms adjacent to a big hall to be used by drama, film and maybe judo or cricket or tennis fans. A place to go to with a Club for 18 year olds and older people on different evenings and somewhere to go for weekend pleasure - an open-air restaurant or tea-rooms round a swimming pool - all this at the weekends or longer if on a three day or four day week. Plus some form of trade-training or rooms for research and development so that people living in small natty houses can use a workshop.

We don't know what is in store for the next generation and more so we can only leave a house for their use, but we as a village would like a warden to live there, for without a living person we would soon lose its value by misuse and nobody will show respect unless it is owned by someone. I know from experience that common property often means disrespect for it. So a house or flat is needed, not just a caretaker but a warden.

So I advocate:

(1) Quick and efficient cheap restoration of the old Windmill School.
(2) New grand complex behind Fire Station and Benfields.
(3) Swimming Pool
(4) Use of buildings by day by young children and by adults by night.
(5) Disco at weekends.
(6) Expanded Library and Club.
(7) Building costed to pay for itself.
(8) Make prize for best designs, etc. for (2).
(9) Ask V.S.O. to help with (1).
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Thank you to those of you who have supported us in our fund-raising during the last half-term. We made £8.50 at the Coffee and Bring and Buy Morning in March, £26 at the China Party and £81.97 at the Knit-In in April.

We are sorry to say goodbye to Mrs. Isaac from Hempton, who has been on our committee since last September and moved last week to Croughton. We hope she will be happy in her new home.

We are sorry we had to concel the Cheese and Wine, but this was owing to lack of support. It is essential that parents support our fund-raising events, or you may find when your smaller children are three years old that the Playgroup is not there any more. We are holding a Coffee Evening in the Playgroup Hut on July 18th at 7.30 p.m. and hope as many as possible of you will come.

Carol Langstaff

....And from A MOTHER WHO IS CONCERNED....

So, now that the Elections are over, our new Parish Councillors decided upon and the future of the Village Community Centre hopefully being considered by the afore-mentioned, can I ask you to consider for a moment one more topic which seems to be totally neglected by all but a few? The question is a very simple one: "Do you want a Playschool in Deddington?" Can you for one moment just stop and give it serious thought? Discount the problems involved with the future rehousing of the Hut; this will be decided upon by the people concerned at the appropriate time. What the Playschool can't discount is our help in making it a viable proposition so that when the time does come to decide upon a new venue they have the backing and financial support available.

We all appreciate how much those 50p sessions mount up over the weeks, but at the same time we must acknowledge how little this is when put into perspective. The Playschool, like us, have rates, electricity, water, salaries, etc. etc. to pay for. Are we so short-sighted as to think that they have a Fairy Godmother conjuring up instant money? The fees we pay only partially cover the items mentioned so the extra cash has to be found from social functions. If this money isn't forthcoming then we must expect the obvious to happen. The Playschool is a Charity so is not in being to make hundreds, but at the same time it still has to have a certain amount on which to function successfully.

If we carry on with this non-caring attitude - which is greatly in evidence when any social functions are arranged - we will soon find ourselves confronted with a Playschool that has been forced to close through lack of support. And what worries me about this likely proposition is: who will be to blame? It won't be you, will it? It'll be blamed on those who strive extremely hard on your behalf, and have done so for six years, to provide a service to enable your children to enjoy themselves to the full and which endeavours to provide the right recipe for a happy start to school life. How long can Mrs. Powell, Mrs. Pratt and the Committee go on hitting their heads against that brick wall? I doubt for very much longer. Brick walls have a nasty habit of crumbling if given enough provocation.

Perhaps when confronted with a CLOSED DOWN sign on the door you'll understand. Take my word for it - without your presence at a few of the future functions Deddington will be without a Playgroup. Then try amusing your own children for five days a week. I know some of you will find this prospect very daunting indeed. The people involved with the running of the Hut do realise your problems, financial or otherwise. They love our children and have all the time and patience in the world for them. Please, please give a little of your time to enable them to carry on going. You know how much the children love and benefit from it. Give a little of yourselves so that the Committee and Leaders have something to work for before it is lost forever.

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SCOUTS TROOP CAMP

Buckmore Park Mud Lark

After a long hard grind of planning for food, routes, activities etc, the "Mob" finally left the safety of Deddington for the wild unknown of Kent for our week's camp. Most of the troop arrived at the site, with little problem. However, Robin, the older Scouts and all the equipment decided to see the sights of London (about four times).

The rain poured and poured and poured for the first day with the result that the boys' tent decided to try and float away; shame that they were still in it!!!

So we moved camp with much amusement to onlookers and shouting by Alan and Robin with of course mutterings by Tony.

Having settled in, we got down to the hard work. The boys had some good fun roller-skating and swimming (not at the same time), shooting and go-karting. We even had them abseiling down and climbing up a chalk face. We even had some time for Scoutcraft, with all the boys producing Axemanship and Whittling (they all had ten fingers when they finished - only just in a few cases).

A trip to the Naval Dockyard at Chatham, which included a visit on a frigate, plus a trip to Rochester, more than tired them out!

Alan Rampley

CUB SCOUTS

We would like to thank Cliff Smith and Sid Munson for training and running the Cub Football team. We did not win, but all the boys enjoyed the games played. In order to catch up because of the bad winter we had, they played as many as three games in one week. The team also entered the five-a-side and were knocked out in the quarter finals - a most creditable effort. Our thanks again to Cliff and Sid for all their time spent with and for the team.

Tony Welford, Group Scout Leader

DEDDINGTON GUIDES

Our senior Guides who attended the adventure camp run by Rangers and Venture Scouts had a great weekend. They fitted in so many activities - from map-reading and canoeing to learning how to change a wheel on a car!

Our patrol leaders and seconds braved their way through their camp cheerfully - it isn't often that snow is a problem when camping in May!

We Guiders planned our weather better! We had a lovely warm weekend and took part in varied activities including frightening ourselves to death on rope bridges which we helped to build!!

During the last few weeks we have fitted in quite a bit of badge work, held a miniature garden competition and learnt a bit more about life in camp in readiness for our own camp in August.

We were glad to welcome three new Guides this week: Cathryn Blackburn, Sarah-Jane Kermode and Sarah Floyd. We do hope that they and their parents who came for the occasion were not too upset by the noisy, rude and unfortunately, now routine, interruptions from the boys outside the hall. I fail to see why we should be expected to put up with these silly nuisances week after week. Come on Windmill Street and Hempton Road parents - if your children play by the Windmill School, how about asking them to live and let live! We look forward to next week when we are inviting the Brownies to join us for a cook-out!

Maggie Rampley

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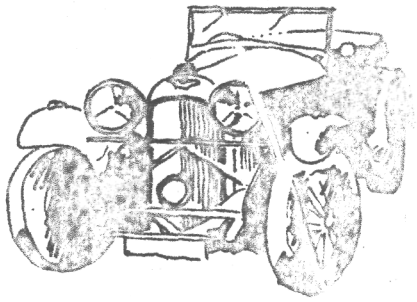


The mock election results gave the Conservatives 52% of the vote, with the balance divided almost equally between the other two major parties, although I understand that Snoopy had one or two votes!

Sponsored Run: The latest information available is that the sponsored four mile run has raised £1,063.83 (Target £1,000). Well done children and sponsors, so the school will get its Video Cassette Recorder Equipment, another item which we can tick off on our list of needs.

Second Year Parents' Evening 22nd May: Unfortunately this evening had to be cancelled, but parents will be notified individually of an amended date.

School Concert 24th May: This event was a most pleasant and well-attended evening and an opportunity enjoyed by the children to display their talents on the concert platform.

The Warriner and Strikes: Thankfully, the School is now back to normal after all the disruption. It is sad that the parent/teacher relationship is damaged as a result of teacher union actions. This close relationship is so important for the benefit of the child. A more sensible solution for dealing with teacher disputes must surely be found for the future.

School Leavers: Fifth year students have already left and are returning to school only for examinations. As my daughter is one of these, I couldn't help but feel that this occasion could have warranted some special arrangement by the school for those children concerned, to mark another chapter in their lives ended. I should be pleased to hear other parents' views on this (Deddington 38150).

Sundry: I was intrigued to learn of an event in the School Gymnasium on June 15th .... a sponsored "Hush" in aid of Help the Aged... What will they think of next?

Forthcoming events:	23rd June	Barn Dance & Barbecue, Adams' Farm, Milton
	27th June	First Year Parents' Evening
	7th July	Summer Fete

John Burdon

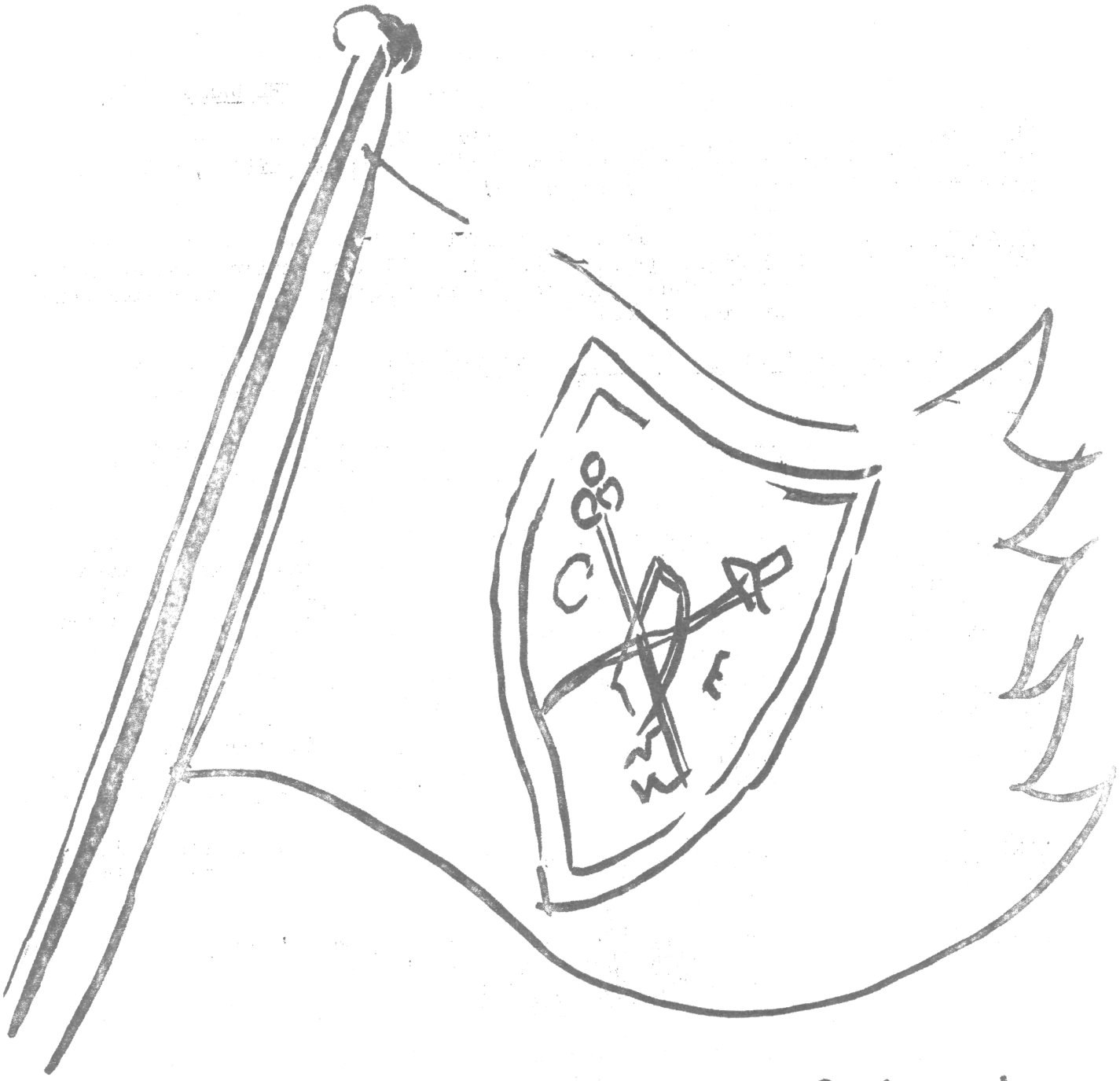
DEDDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Saturday 30 June is the date to remember this month, when we hold our Annual Summer Fete on the new sports field at 2.00 p.m.

We shall have all the favourite attractions and side-shows as well as a few new ones - the Grand Raffle, the cake, home and garden produce, handicrafts, second-hand clothes, toys and books, and bottle stalls, the cake walk and many more. There will be pony rides, go-karts, two fire engines, skittles, an Aunt Sally, sheaf-tossing, football goal-scoring, putting for a pound and a Tug-o'-War contest (with refreshments, and prizes for the winning team). Teams wishing to compete please contact John Webber through school or at Deddington 38508). We are running the cake competition, as usual, for children and for parents; and a fancy dress competition - any subject - for pre-school children, 5 to 8 year-olds and 9 to 11 year-olds. The children will give a display of country dancing and Morris dancing; the Banbury and District Caledonian Pipe Band will march and play during the afternoon; and Topsound will provide music and commentary throughout the Fete. Ice-cream, soft drinks and refreshments - and a place to sit down! - will be available. So, we look forward to seeing you all there - keep your fingers crossed for a fine day!

Is there anyone who has a portable electricity generator they could lend us for the Fete? Please contact Janet Broadbent (Deddington 38173) if you can help. Thank you!

Moya Hassan



Deddington Primary School

FETE '79

2 pm Saturday 30th June

Games, Sports, Entertainments, Pony Rides,
Band, Prizes, Fancy Dress, Morris Dancing, Etc.

DEDDINGTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

Our season is now at an end and, although we failed to retain our championship and the three cups we won last season, we have not been the disaster that many people thought.

In the Coronation Cup we met Enstone. We lost this Cup 3-1 and were beaten by a better team. In the League, we are runners-up to Ruscote Sports who pipped us at the post by one point. The crucial match was when we played Ruscote away one Tuesday evening. We arrived with an under-strength team and no substitute, and expected defeat before we started. The shock was that we were all over Ruscote until the niggle began to show and Mick Spiers was involved in an over-the-ball tackle, the result of which was a 4-inch gash in his shin and deep enough to see the bone. I personally took him to the Horton, where it took two hours to repair the damage. We eventually lost this match 1-0 which, as far as we were concerned put the stop on us winning the League.

We shall return.

Reserves:- A word of praise to our Reserves who last year finished bottom of the League and this, through their own determination and drive, finished fourth. Well done Blues!!

Spectators:- Thank you for your support again in all weathers - this year the weather has been the worst for years. I'm sorry there was no glory trail this year but stay close- we are on the way back!

Year of the Child:- this year being the Year of the Child, I would like to praise our own child of the year as far as football goes. His name: Karlton Stratford. He plays and captains Milcombe Boys F.C., age 12. He has been playing football for three years and has already 25 trophies to his credit. The most coveted must be his Player of the Tournament which he won recently in Holland when he was chosen by a Dutch jury and selected from ten teams, some of which came from Wales, Belgium, Germany and Holland. Congratulations Karlton - it is a wonderful achievement.

Rodney Hayward

NATURE NOTES

It was pleasing to meet the other day someone who allowed stinging nettles to grow at the bottom of his garden, thus encouraging the Peacock and Tortoiseshell butterflies who lay their eggs on the stinging nettles. At the end of May I saw a Holly Blue in our garden. This is a curious butterfly because in spring the eggs are laid on the flower buds of holly, while in the summer they lay their eggs almost exclusively on the ivy flowers. This unusual pattern is unknown in any other British butterfly.

The warblers are singing well now, and it is by their song that we know of their presence. By this time of the year the trees and bushes are well in leaf and this makes these little summer migrants hard to see. So it is worth while to be very quiet in the more leafy lanes and hear the whitethroat, chiffchaff, willow warbler, and blackcap. On the canal bank between Clifton and Somerton one may be rewarded by the song of the sedge and reed warbler.

Young hares or leverets as they are called are about now. Unlike rabbits, hares are solitary animals except at mating time. The nest is made in the open and not as rabbits in a burrow. The young are born with fur on and able to see, while baby rabbits are furless and blind. Little leverets are not easy to see in the fields because the grass is growing well by now. Hares are prolific breeders and may have up to five litters.

Pat Hannah

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DEDDINGTON LADIES

We held a Cheese and Wine Party for our May meeting. We made this an open meeting, and it was very well attended and enjoyed by all.

On the Spring Bank Holiday Saturday, we held a Disco at the British Legion Club for the Primary and Warriner School age groups. This was enjoyed by the children who attended.

Our June meeting was our annual trip to "Sturdy's Castle" Potato Pub. This was enjoyed by the 40 who attended.

June 27th is our trip to "My Fair Lady" at Oxford. Please will you be in the Market Square for the bus at 6.30 p.m. sharp.

July 4th is our next meeting, which will be a talk on D.I.Y. by Mr. Hill.

We meet the first Wednesday of each month at the Holly Tree Club at 8 p.m.

Daphne Harper

CORRESPONDENCE

May I, through the medium of Deddington News, thank all those people who voted for me during the recent Parish Election.

It is my aim to prove worthy of their support by striving for the welfare of our parish at all times.

Bob Stevens

DEDDINGTON BOWLS CLUB

Bad weather has caused several matches to be cancelled. Results so far are:
April 21st: Deddington beat Shipston Engineers at Gaydon, by 63 shots to 59.
May 31st: Chestnuts beat Deddington at Banbury, by 63 shots to 49.

Frank Crefts

WHAT'S ON

June 23	Parish Church Stewardship Campaign Supper 7.30 p.m.
23	Warriner Barn Dance and Barbecue
27	Deddington Ladies' Outing to My Fair Lady 6.30 p.m.
27	Warriner First Year Parents' Evening
30	Primary School Fete 2.00 p.m.
July 7	Warriner School Summer Fete
18	Playgroup Coffee Evening 7.30 p.m.